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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (Rev.06/08)

Auditing Procedures Report

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Unit Name* Tilden Township County* MARQUETTE Type* TOWNSHIP MuniCode* 52/16

Opinion Date-Use Calendar* 08-29-2008 Audit Submitted-Use Calendar* 09-23-2008 Fiscal Year 2008

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

Place a check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions left unmarked should be those you wish to answer "No."

X	?	1. Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the reporting entity notes to the financial statements?	ne local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the							
X	?	2. Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of	its unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets?							
X	?	3. Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amo	bunts authorized in the budget?							
X	?	4. Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Acco	ounts issued by the Department of Treasury?							
X	?	5. Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds?								
X.	<u> </u>	6. Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance	with State statute?							
⋉	<u> </u>	Act, and other guidance as issued by the Local Audit a								
X.	8. Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general property tax act?									
	7 9. Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory requirements including the adoption of an investment policy?									
X		Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see A								
X			that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate							
×	? :	2. Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies f	rom previous years?							
X			type of opinion is it? NA							
X.	1	S. Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other ger	nerally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)?							
X	? 1	6. Has the board or council approved all disbursements pr	ior to payment as required by charter or statute?							
X	?	7. To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that v	were reviewed performed timely?							
Г	<u> </u>	8. Are there reported deficiencies? 19. If	so, was it attached to the audit report?							
	Ge	neral Fund Revenue: ? \$ 331,176.00	General Fund Balance: 7 \$ 321,406.00							
	Ge	neral Fund Expenditure: ? \$ 307,972.00	Governmental Activities							
	Ma	ojor Fund Deficit Amount: \$ 0.00	Long-Term Debt (see \$ 523,000.00 instructions):							

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (reported deviations).

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

August 29, 2008

The Honorable Supervisor and Members Township of Tilden Board Marquette County, Michigan

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted by the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for an opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in the footnotes, the TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments, as amended and interpreted as of March 31, 2008.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated August 29, 2008, on my consideration of the Townships internal control over financial reporting and on my test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

The budgetary comparison information on pages 18 through 21 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Certified Public Accountant

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

Our discussion and analysis of the Township of Tilden, Michigan's financial performance provides an overview of the Township's financial activities for the year ended March 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin on page 11.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Township's net assets are being reported under GASB 34 for the second year and comparisons with prior years have been included. Comparative information has been presented in various schedules throughout the "Management's Discussion and Analysis".
- Net assets for the Township as a whole increased by \$102,065 which is about two and three quarters percent of the previous years net assets.
- During the year, The Township had expenses for governmental activities in the amount of \$488,274 and revenues in the amount of \$639,052.
- The General Fund reported a net fund balance of \$778,098. The net change in the General Fund balance was an increase of \$36,356 which was \$73,883 more than projected.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (pages 11 and 12) provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and presents a longer term view of the Township's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 13. For governmental activities, these statements relate how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future funding of these services. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operation in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Township's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Township acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside the government.

REPORTING THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

My analysis of the Township as a whole begins on page 7. One of the most important questions asked about the Township's finances is, "Is the Township as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Township as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer that question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the Township's net assets and changes in them. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Township's population base and the condition of the Township's capital assets, to assess the overall financial health of the Township.

REPORTING THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE (Continued)

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the Township has two types of activities:

Governmental Activities - Most of the Township's basic services are reported here, including the legislative, elections, public safety, public works, recreation and culture, community and economic development and general services and administration. Property taxes, charges for services and State sources fund most of these activities.

Business Type Activities - The Township charges a fee to customers to help it cover most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Township provides water services for Township residents and charges a fee to cover the costs of operations.

REPORTING THE TOWNSHIP'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

My analysis of the Township's major funds begins on page 9. The fund financial statements begin on page 13 and provided detailed information on the most significant funds but not the Township as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the Township establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using taxes, grants, and other money. The Township's two kinds of funds (Governmental and Proprietary) use different accounting methods.

Governmental Funds - Most of the Township's services are reported in governmental funds, which focuses on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted into cash. The governmental fund statments provide a detailed short term view of the Township's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Township's programs. I describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities and governmental funds in a reconciliation which follows the fund financial statements.

Proprietary Funds - When the Township charges customers for the services it provides, those services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the Township's enterprise funds (a component of proprietary funds) are the same as the business type activities I report in the governmental wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds.

THE TOWNSHIP AS TRUSTEE

The Township is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that, because of a trust arrangement can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. All of the fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets on page 17. I have excluded these activities from the other financial statements because the Township cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

Table I provides a summary of the Township's net assets at March 31, 2008.

	Governmental Activities	Proprietary Activities	Total Primary Government
Current and other assets Non current assets	\$ 1,781,538 456,692	\$ 57,735 2,210,798	\$ 1,839,273 2,667,490
Total Assets	\$ 2,238,230	\$ 2,268,533	\$ 4,506,763
Current liabilities Non current liabilities	\$ 133,580 	\$ 77,195 523,000	\$ 210,775 523,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 133,580 	\$ 600,195	\$ 733,775
Net Assets: Invested in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	\$ 456,692 1,326,552 321,406	\$ 1,687,798 45,504 (64,964)	1,372,056
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,104,650	\$ 1,668,338	\$ 3,772,988

Net assets of the Township's governmental activities stood at \$2,104,650. Unrestricted net assets - the part of net assets that could be used to finance day to day activities without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements stood at \$1,647,958.

The \$321,406 in unrestricted net assets, of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. The operating results of the General Fund will have a significant impact on the change in unrestricted net assets from year to year.

The results of this year's operation for the Township as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities (See Table 2), which shows the changes in net assets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008.

Table 2 - Changes in Net Assets

	P	overnmental Activities	Ac	Business Type ctivities	Total Primary Government		
Revenues:							
Program Revenues: Charges for services	٩	8,640	¢	83 880	Ġ	92 620	
General Revenues:	Ą	8,040	Ÿ	05, 300	Y	32,020	
Property taxes		505,038		-		505,038	
Intergovernmental Other		72,194		- 493		72,194 53,673	
Other		53,180		493		53,673	
Total Revenues	\$	639,052	\$	84,473	\$	723,525	
				· 			
Program Expenses:	•	5 174			^	5 174	
Legislative Elections	Þ	5,174 1,142		_	Ģ	5,174 1,142	
General Services		1,112				1,112	
and Administration		148,360		-		148,360	
Public Safety		68,173		-		68,173	
Public Works Community and		194,926		133,187		328,113	
Economic Development		1		_		1	
Recreation and Culture		8,123		-		8,123	
Other		62,375				62,375	
Total Expenses	\$ 	488,274	\$ 	133,187	\$ 	621,461	
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$	150,778	\$ (48,714)	\$	102,064	
Net assets, beginning		1,953,872		1,717,052		3,670,924	
Net Assets, Ending		2,104,650		1,668,338	-	3,772,988	

The Township's total revenues were \$723,525. The total cost of all programs and services was \$621,461, leaving an increase in net assets of \$102,064. My analysis below separately considers the operation of governmental activities:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The net assets of the Township's governmental activities increased \$150,778 and the net assets of the Township's business type activities decreased \$48,714 for the year ended March 31, 2008.

The \$150,778 increase is made up of \$170,024 of net profit from governmental funds discussed later, less depreciation expense of \$19,246.

THE TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

As the Township completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on page 13) reported a combined fund balance of \$1,754,288 which is a \$78,049 increase from the beginning of the year.

The main reason that there was an increase from the beginning of the year was due to increased property taxes and improved interest earnings in the Road Fund and the Fire, Garbage, & Recreation Fund.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the Township Board reviewed and amended the originally adopted budget a few times.

Actual charges to expenditues were \$68,207 less than the final amended budget and actual revenues were \$5,676 more than the final budget projection.

Of the reduction of \$60,207 in budgeted expenditures, \$00,750 was for capital outlay which is not recorded as a current year expense.

Of the increase of \$5,676 in budgeted revenues, \$7,506 was for the budget amount for Specific Ore Tax.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of March 31, 2008, the Township had \$2,667,490 invested in a variety of capital assets including land, building and improvements, equipment and vehicles as are detailed in Table 3 below:

Table 3 - Capital Assets at March 31, 2008 (Net of Depreciation)

		rernmental	Business Type Activities	Total
Land Land Improvements Buildings and Improvements Equipment and Furnishings	\$	35,150 52,143 363,290 6,109	\$ 22,50 2,188,29 -	
	\$ ===	456,692	\$ 2,210,79	8 \$ 2,667,490

The Township had additions to fixed assets during the current year in the amount of \$139,269 which included \$78,435 of construction costs for the water system. Depreciation expense for the year was \$19,246 in the governmental funds and \$63,180 in the business type activities.

DEBT

At March 31, 2008, the Township had \$523,000 in bonds outstanding as detailed in Notes E and F to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

In preparing the Townships budget for the year ended March 31, 2009, we looked at the past year's budget as well as the last two complete years of actual revenues and expenditures and prepared our budget from these documents, with increases and decreases where necessary.

CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to show the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Township of Tilden; 3414 County Road PG; Ishpeming, Michigan 49849-9602.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2008

		Business Type Activities	
ASSETS			
Current Assets:	A 750 604	40.504	
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$ 752,684 926,974 10,931	\$ 49,584	\$ 802,268
Receivables (net)	10.931	8-151	19.082
Due from other funds	90,949	-	90,949
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			\$ 1,839,273
Non-current assets:			
Land	\$ 35.150	\$ 22,500	\$ 57,650
Other capital assets	632,407	\$ 22,500 2,435,838	3,068,245
Accumulated depreciation	(210,865)	(247,540)	(458,405)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 456,692	\$ 2,210,798	\$ 2,667,490
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,238,230	\$ 2,268,533	\$ 4,506,763
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 119,995	\$ 2,168	\$ 122,163
Due to other funds	13,585	\$ 2,168 75,027	88,612
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long-term debt - Bonds payable	-	523,000	523,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES NET ASSETS Invested in capital assets	\$ 133,580	\$ 600,195	\$ 733,775
net of related debt	\$ 456,692	\$ 1,687,798	\$ 2.144.490
Restricted	1,326,552	45,504	1,372.056
Unrestricted	321,406	45,504 (64,964)	256,442
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 2,104,650		

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year ended March 31, 2008

			Pi	rogram	Program Revenues			Net Rev Char	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		i		 			1 1 1 1	8	Primary Government
Function/Programs	2 ,	_	Charges for Services	Contr	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	al and tions	60wa	Governmental Activities
Primary Government: Governmental Activities:	! ! ! ! ! !								
Legislative	\$ 5,174		1 ·	w	1	•		ς÷	5,174
	1,142	42	1,069		1		ı		73
General services and administration	148,3	9 1	1,5,1		ı				140, 789
Public Safety	68,173	5 3			ı		,		68, 173
Public Works	194,926	٥,							194,920
Community and economic development	•	٦ (1		,		
Recreation and culture	8, 123	?	1		,				8, 123
Other	62,375	375	'		'		'	ļ	62,375
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 488,274		8,640	S.	-	8	-	S	479,634
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 488,274		\$ 8,640	w	ı	w	r	w	479,634
			Ü	Seneral Taxes	General Revenues: Taxes	:		w	505,038
				Inter	Intergovernmental Other	enta1			72,194 53,180
					TOTAL G	total general revenues	ENUES	ا _د ، ا	630,412
					SNAPO	OFFICE FOR NT BUNKED	O E E C O	v	150 778
								>	•
				Net	Net assets, b	beginning c	of year	!	1,953,872
					NET ASSE	NET ASSETS. END OF YEAR	YEAR	W	2,104,650
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2008

	 Fund	Fund	Re		Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$ 286,687 22,854	\$ 275,298 904,120	\$	190,699	\$ 752,684 926,974
Receivables Taxes receivable	3,542 2,970	2,257		_ 2,162	3,542 7,389
Due from other funds Non-current assets	 16,401 456,692	 68,746		5,802 -	 90,949 456,692
TOTAL ASSETS		1,250,421			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Due to other funds	\$ 9,688 1,360	\$ 105,078 12,225	\$	5,229 	\$ 119,995 13,585
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 11,048	\$ 117,303	\$	5,229	\$ 133,580
FUND BALANCE: Invested in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	\$ 456,692 - 321,406	\$ 1,133,118	\$ 	193 ,434	\$ 456,692 1,326,552 321,406
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 778,098	\$ 1,133,118	\$ 	193,434	\$ 2,104,650
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		1,250,421			

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2008

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds

\$ 2,104,650

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds

456,692

NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 1,647,958

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Year ended March 31, 2008

	 General Fund		Road Fund		Fire Garbage ec. Fund	Total overnmental Funds
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 247,008		131,816	\$	126,214	\$ 505,038
Intergovernmental	72,19 4		_		-	72,194
Other	 13,974		43,440	_	4,406	 61,820
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 333,176	\$	175,256	\$	130,620	\$ 639,052
Expenditures:						
Township board	\$ 5,174	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 5,174
Supervisor	8,265		_		_	8,265
Election expense	1,142		-		-	1,142
Assessor	34,596		-		-	34,596
Clerk	8,535		-		_	8,535
Board of review	633		-		_	633
Treasurer	12,497		-		-	12,497
Township Hall	55,994		-		-	55,994
Garage and vehicles	27,840		-		-	27,840
Police protection	-		35,298		-	35,298
Fire protection	-		-		32,745	32,745
Sanitation	-		-		60,334	60,334
Animal control	130		-		-	130
Planning and zoning	1		-		_	1
Highways and streets	30,297		104,295			134,592
Parks and recreation	3,650		-		4,473	8,123
Other	 62,375				-	 62 , 375
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 251,129	\$	139,593	\$	97,552	\$ 488,274
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	\$ 82,047	\$	35,663	\$	33,068	\$ 150,778
Fund balance at						
beginning of year	 696,051	1	,097,455 		160,366	 1,953,872
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	778,098				-	2,104,650

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended March 31, 2008

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ 150**,**778

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays such as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital outlays

\$ (76,089)

Depreciation expense

19,246 (56,843)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 93,935

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

March 31, 2008

		Current Tax Collection Account	
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Due from general fund Due from other government units	\$ 180 - - -	\$ 21,054 1,057 142,612	\$ 21,234 1,057 142,612
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 180	\$ 164,723	\$ 164,903
LIABILITIES			
Due to general fund Due to special revenue funds Due to other government units	\$ 180 - - -	\$ - 3,214 161,509	\$ 180 3,214 161,509
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 180	\$ 164,723	\$ 164,903

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies of the Township of Tilden:

1. Financial Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 entitled "The Financial Reporting Entity" a governmental financial reporting entity consists of a primary government, such as a general purpose local government, and component units, which are defined as units for which the primary government is financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of a component's governing body, and there is a potential for the component unit to provide certain financial benefits to, or impose certain financial burdens on, the primary government.

As required by accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America, the financial statements of the reporting entity includes those of the Township of Tilden (the primary government). However, there are no units which qualify as component units as defined above.

2. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The various funds are grouped in the financial statements in this report as follows:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Proprietary Funds:

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Fiduciary Funds:

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Township as an agent for other governmental units and other funds. These agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement or results of operations.

Account Groups:

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group presents the balance of general obligation long-term debt which is not recorded in proprietary funds.

3. Measurement Focus

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their unreserved fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the general governmental fund type at original cost minus accumulated depreciation. The book value of these assets is reported as "Reserved Fund Balance" in the general governmental fund type.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary funds balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straightline method. Fixed assets and their related accumulated depreciation, by major classification are as follows:

	Cost	Accumulat Depr.	ed Current Depr.	
Water Distribution System	\$2,319,051	\$ 216.54	0 \$ 63,180	40 years
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,00	0 \$ -	10-40 years

4. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the full accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Expenditures are generally recognized under the full accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

All proprietary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Agency Funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. Since Agency Funds do not involve measurement of results of operations, there are no revenue or expenditure accounts.

5. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. In February, the Township Supervisor submits to the Township Board, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following April 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c. Prior to April 1, the budget is legally enacted by resolution.
- d. Any revision that alters the original budget of any fund must be approved by the Township Board.
- e. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
- f. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- g. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- h. Budgeted amounts are stated as originally adopted or as amended by the Township Board.

6. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the governmental unit.

Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost.

7. Inventory

Inventories are not significant and have not been recognized in any of the funds.

8. Due from Other Funds

Due from other funds represents current interfund loans receivable and are considered "available spendable resources."

9. Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

The Township does not allow employees to accumulate unused vacation. Sick Leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 30 days.

10. Fund Balance Reserves

Fund balance reserves in the Special Revenue Funds represent amounts reserved in the Road Fund for payment of the long-term bonds to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority and the long-term contracts payable to the Marquette County Road Commission.

11. Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns does not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Total (Memorandum Only)

The captions on the combined balance sheet relating to cash, investments, restricted assets and the amounts in the total "Memorandum Only" are as follows:

Cash in bank Investments		\$ 908,054 842,422
	Total	\$1,750,476
A summary of deposits by type are: Cash in demand accounts Cash in savings accounts Certificates of deposit Investments		\$ 118 738,175 169,761 842,422
	Total	\$1,750,476

These deposits are in three financial institutions located in the County of Marquette in varying amounts. All accounts are in the name of the Township and a specific fund or common account. They are recorded in Township records at cost. Interest is recorded when the deposits mature or is credited to the applicable account.

Statutory Authority

Act 217, PA 1982, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in:

- (a) bonds and other direct obligations of the United States or its agencies.
- (b) certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of federally insured banks, insured savings and loan associations or credit unions insured by the national credit union administration that are eligible to be depository of surplus money belonging to the State under Section 5 or 6 of Act 105, PA 1855, as amended (MCL 21.145 and 21.146).
- (c) commercial paper rated at time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services. Maturity cannot be more than 270 days after purchase and not more than 50 percent of any fund may be invested in commercial paper at any time.
- (d) United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.
- (e) banker's acceptance of United States banks.
- (f) mutual funds composed of investments which are legal for direct investments by local units of government in Michigan.

The Township's investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

Michigan law (Section 3, Act 40, PA 1932, as amended) prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bond, or another form for the deposit of public money.

At year end, the Township's cash and cash equivalents bank balance was \$908,054 of which \$269,776 was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Regulation number 330.8 The remaining balance of \$638,278 was uninsured and uncollateralized. This regulation in summary provides that deposits of a governmental unit are insured for the lesser of the amount of the combined deposits or \$100,000 demand deposits and \$100,000 time deposits in every financial institution, that is not a branch location and is a member of the FDIC.

Investments

Investments made by the Township are summarized below. The investments that are represented by specific identifiable investments securities are classified as to credit risk within the following two categories:

Category 1: Insured or registered, or securities held by the Township or its agent in the Township's name.

Category 2: Uninsured and unregistered with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Township's name.

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Investment Type	1	2	Carrying Value	Value
Governmental Funds: Certificates of Deposit U.S. Government	\$ 169,761	\$ -	\$ 169,761	\$ 169,761
Securities	842,422	<u>-</u>	842,422	852,075
Total Investments	\$1,012,183	\$ - ========	\$1,012,183	\$1,021,836

NOTE C - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

	Balance April 1, 2007	Additions	Retirements	Balance March 31, 2008
Land	\$ 35,150	s -	s -	\$ 35,150
Landscaping	71,922	· _	· –	71,922
Township Hall	182,962	39,505	_	222,467
Township Garage	31,160		_	67,744
Recreation Building	,	,		.,,,
and Facilities	180,006	_	-	180,006
Vehicles	16,185	_	_	16,185
Machinery and Equipment	28,244	_	_	28,244
Office Furniture				,
and Equipment	31,638	-	_	31,638
Maintenance Equipment	4,000	_	_	4,000
Voting Mach's & Software		_	_	10,200
,				
	\$ 591,467	\$ 76,089	\$ -	\$ 667,556
Less accumulated deprecia	ation			210,865
	BOOK V	ALUE OF CAP	ITAL ASSETS	\$ 456,691

NOTE E - CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt at March 31, 2008 consisted of:

		Balance April 1, 2007	Additions	Deductions	Balance March 31, 2008
Water Bonds		\$ 529,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000 	\$ 523,000
	Totals	\$ 529,000 ======	\$ -	\$ 6,000 ======	\$ 523,000

NOTE F - WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE BOND

The Township adopted Ordinance No. 18 authorizing the issuance of Water Supply System Revenue Bonds. The original amount of the revenue bonds was \$540,000. Amortization of the bonds, paying interest at 4.25% per annum and maturing on August 1st of each year, are payable as follows:

\$ 6,000	2008	to	2009,	inclusive	:	\$ 12,000
7,000	2010	to	2013,	inclusive		28,000
8,000	2014	to	2016,	inclusive		24,000
9,000			2018,			18,000
10,000			2021,			30,000
11,000			2023,			22,000
•			•			*
12,000			2025,			24,000
13,000	2026	to	2027,	inclusive		26,000
14,000	2028	to	2029,	inclusive		28,000
15,000	2030					15,000
16,000	2031	to	2032,	inclusive		32,000
17,000	2033					17,000
18,000	2034					18,000
19,000	2035	to	2036,	inclusive		38,000
20,000	2037		•			20,000
21,000	2038					21,000
22,000	2039					22,000
23,000	2040					23,000
24,000	2041					24,000
25,000	2042					25,000
26,000	2043					•
						26,000
30,000	2044					30,000

TOTAL BONDS PAYABLE \$ 523,000

NOTE G - LONG-TERM CONTRACTS PAYABLE

The Township enters into contracts for road reconstruction with the Marquette County Road Commission. Terms of the contracts call for the Marquette County Road Commission to upgrade specified county roads with the Township paying a percentage of the actual costs over a three year period. During the year ended March 31, 2008 there were \$103,772 in payments to the Marquette County Road Commission.

The Township normally budgets for these payments annually and records them as an expenditure in the year paid.

NOTE H - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied on December 1. The Township collects its own property taxes until mid February at which time collection is turned over to Marquette County.

The State Equalized Valuation for the Township was \$40,598,000.

The tax rates levied for the year ended March 31, 2008, on a taxable valuation of \$20,299,230 were as follows:

	Millage Rate/M 	Amount		
General Operating Road Fund	1.2730 .9675	\$	25,836 19,634	
Fire, Garbage, and Recreation	.9266		18,804	

NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN

The township adopted a Simplified Pension Plan (SEP) in January of 1985. All employees that have worked for the Township in three of the last five years and received over \$374 in compensation during the current year are eligible to participate. For the year ended March 31, 2008, the Township contributed five percent of the gross pay for all eligible employees and elected officials which amounted to \$4,123.

NOTE J - RISK MANAGEMENT

The township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township maintains insurance coverage through the Michigan Township Participating Plan which covers each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Township. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years.

TILDEN TOWNSHIP - GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL REVENUES

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES Current tax collections Specific ore tax Swamplands tax Commercial forest Delinquent tax collections and interest Administrative fees	\$ 23,600 140,000 15,800 200 1,600 59,000	\$ 25,836 147,506 15,826 98
TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 240,200	\$ 247,008
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE Sales tax TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$ 73,000 \$ 73,000	\$ 72,194 \$ 72,194
OTHER REVENUES Reimbursements Dog licenses Other charges for services Hall rental Interest on investments Miscellaneous	\$ - 100 500 1,500 6,000 6,200	\$ 139 968 2,935 5,334 4,598
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$ 14,300	\$ 13,974
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 327,500	\$ 333,176

TILDEN TOWNSHIP - GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

	_	Budget	_	Actual
TOWNSHIP BOARD Salaries and wages Printing and memberships Miscellaneous	\$	2,281 1,700	\$	2,331 2,078 765
TOTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD	\$	3,981	\$	5,174
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Salaries and wages TOTAL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	\$ \$	8,265 8,265	\$	8,265 8,265
ELECTIONS Salaries and wages Miscellaneous	\$	1,200	\$	505 637
TOTAL ELECTIONS	\$	2,800	\$	1,142
ASSESSOR Salaries and wages Office supplies Dues and memberships Travel Miscellaneous	\$	28,300 2,000 250 300 200	\$	31,842 2,096 170 - 488
TOTAL ASSESSOR	\$	31,050	\$	34,596
TOWNSHIP CLERK Salaries and wages: Clerk Deputy Clerk Office supplies Travel Miscellaneous	\$	8,365 1,000 100 - 50	\$	7,875 630 10 20
TOTAL TOWNSHIP CLERK	\$	9,515	\$	8,535

TILDEN TOWNSHIP - GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)

	_	Budget	<u> </u>	Actual
BOARD OF REVIEW Salaries and wages Miscellaneous TOTAL BOARD OF REVIEW	\$ 	400 100 500	\$ - - \$	480 153 633
TOWNSHIP TREASURER Salaries and wages Office supplies Travel Miscellaneous	\$	8,525 4,000 100 100	\$	8,310 4,077 75 35
TOTAL TOWNSHIP TREASURER	\$	12,725	\$	12,497
TOWNSHIP HALL Salaries and wages Operating supplies Office supplies Repair and maintenance Travel Telephone Utilities Miscellaneous Capital outlay	\$	28,000 2,000 3,000 5,000 100 3,600 10,000 - 44,150	\$	31,744 1,194 3,867 2,335 41 3,954 12,675 184
TOTAL TOWNSHIP HALL	\$	95,850	\$	55,994
GARAGE AND VEHICLES Salaries and wages Operating supplies Vehicle expense Repair and maintenance Utilities and telephone Miscellaneous Capital outlay	\$	16,500 1,500 4,500 4,000 4,550 300 36,600	\$	15,445 1,560 4,434 2,527 3,874
TOTAL GARAGE AND VEHICLES	\$	67,950	\$	27,840

TILDEN TOWNSHIP - GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED) For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

	Budget	_	Actual
ANIMAL CONTROL			
Contracted services	\$ 50	\$	130
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 50	\$	130
PLANNING AND ZONING Salaries and wages Operating supplies	\$ 100 250	\$	- 1
TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING	\$ 350	\$	1
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS Contractual services TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	\$ 30,500	\$	30,297
PARKS AND RECREATION Salaries and wages TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 6,000	\$ \$	3,650
OTHER Social security taxes Unemployment compensation Employee benefits Pension Insurance and bonds Professional fees Community promotion Provision for depreciation Miscellaneous	\$ 7,850 4,000 6,150 3,000 20,000 7,000 - 1,800	\$	8,481 4,069 6,214 3,281 18,541 740 100 19,246 1,703
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 49,800	<u>\$</u>	62,375
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 319,336	\$	251,129

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2008

	Road Fund	Fire Garbage Recreation	Total
ASSETS			
Cash on hand and in banks Investments Delinquest taxes receivable Due from other funds:	\$ 275,298 904,120 2,257	\$ 190,699 - 2,162	004 100
General Fund Water Fund Road Fund Fiduciary Account	67,102 - 1,644	303 2,798 1,131 1,570	303 69,900 1,131 3,214
TOTAL ASSETS			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities: Accounts payable Due to other funds:	\$ 105,078	\$ 5,229	\$ 110,307
General Fund Fire Garbage & Rec.	11,094 1,131	- - 	11,094 1,131
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 117,303	\$ 5,229	\$ 122,532
Fund Balance: Unreserved Reserved	\$ 228,998 904,120	193,434	\$ 422,432 904,120
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$1,133,118	\$ 193,434	\$1,326,552
TOTAL LIABILITES AND FUND BALANCE	\$1,250,421	•	\$1,449,084

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year ended March 31, 2008

	Fire Road Garbage Fund Recreation		Total	
INCOME				
Current tax collections Specific ore tax Interest on investments Other income	\$ 19,709 112,107 43,440			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 175,256	\$ 130,620	\$ 305,876	
EXPENSES				
Sanitation: Contractual services Transfer station Other	\$ -	\$ 31,176 27,411 1,747	27,411	
Streets and roads: Improvements Police protection Other Fire:	103,772 35,298 523	- - -	103,772 35,298 523	
Contractual services Hydrant rental Other Parks and recreation	- - - -	23,564 8,100 1,081 4,473	23,564 8,100 1,081 4,473	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 139,593	\$ 97,552	\$ 237,145	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 35,663	\$ 33,068	\$ 68,731	
Fund balance at April 1, 2007	1,097,455	160,366	1,257,821	
FUND BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2008	\$ 1,133,118	\$ 193,434 =======	\$1,326,552 =======	

TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN - WATER FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

		Budget		Actual	F	ariance avorable favorable)
OPERATING INCOME - Water charges	\$	83,100	\$	83,980	\$	880
OPERATING EXPENSES Salaries and wages Payroll taxes Pension	\$	19,890 2,150 800		16,575 1,920 842	\$	3,315 230 42)
Operating supplies Water purchases and testing Utilities and telephone		6,000 2,000 11,000		4,734 1,289 10,939		1,266 711 61
Repair and maintenance Other operating expenses Provision for depreciation		9,500 3,300 -		9,932 1,421 63,180	(432) 1,879 63,180)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	54,640	\$ 	110,832	\$(56,192)
OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	\$	28,460	\$(26,852)	\$(55,312)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) Interest on investments Interest on bonds	\$ (400 22,500)	\$ 	493 22,355)		93 145
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	\$ (22,100)	\$(21,862)	\$	238
NET INCOME (LOSS)		6,360)	\$(55,074)
Retained earnings at April 1, 2007				100,052		
RETAINED EARNINGS AT MARCH 31, 2008				51,338		

TILDEN TOWNSHIP - WATER FUND

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

		prietary nd Types
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income (Loss) for the year	\$ (48,715)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for depreciation (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable Increase (decrease) due to other funds	\$ (—	63,179 104,375 68,874) 40,112
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$	138,792
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	90,077
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of fixed assets	\$ (78,435)
NET CASH (USED) FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$ (78,435)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (decrease) in reserve accounts Principal payments on long-term debt	\$ ((5,276) 6,000)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ (11,276)
NET INCREASE IN CASH	\$	366
Cash balance at April 1, 2007		3,714
CASH BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2008	\$	4,080

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

March 31, 2008

		Agency		
	Trust and Agency		Current Tax Collection	Totals
ASSETS				
Cash - demand deposits Due from General Fund Due from other	\$	180.35	\$ 21,053.81 1,056.98	
governmental units		-	142,611.53	142,611.53
TOTAL ASSETS	•	180.35	, = = -, : = =	•
LIABILITIES				
Accrued and withheld payroll taxes Due to General Fund Due to Special Revenue Funds Due to other governmental units	\$	180.35 -	\$ - 3,213.82 161,508.50	·
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	180.35	\$164,722.32	\$164,902.67

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Year ended March 31, 2008

	Balance at April 1, 2007	Additions	Deductions	Balance at March 31, 2008
TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNT				
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 162.19	\$ 342.16	\$ 324.00	\$ 180.35
LIABILITIES				
Due to General Fund Due to County	\$ 162.19 	\$ 18.16 324.00	•	\$ 180.35 -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 162.19	,	,	\$ 180.35
CURRENT TAX COLLECTION ACCOUNT ASSETS				
Cash Due from General Fund	\$ - -	\$3,721,124.31 1,056.98	\$3,700,070.50	\$ 21,053. 8 1 1,056.98
Due from other governmental units	-	142,611.53	-	142,611.53
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$3,864,792.82	\$3,700,070.50	
LIABILITIES				
Due to General Fund Due to Special	\$ -	\$ 209,700.90	\$ 209,700.90	\$ -
Revenue Funds	-	253,640.52		3,213.82
Due to State of Michigan Due to County	-	1,294,589.63 1,013,200.04		
Due to Schools			788,484.72	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$3,721,124.31	\$3,556,401.99	\$ 164,722.32

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

August 29, 2008

The Honorable Supervisor and Members Township of Tilden Board Marquette County, Michigan

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the TOWNSHIP OF TILDEN as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated August 29, 2008. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township of Tilden, State of Michigan's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under "Government Auditing Standards" and a report to management communicating immaterial instances of noncompliance was not required.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Township of Tilden, State of Michigan's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of express ing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management, and federal awarding agencies and pass through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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August 29, 2008

The Honorable Supervisor and Members of the Township Board Township of Tilden National Mine, Michigan

I have audited the financial statements of the Township of Tilden for the year ended March 31,2008 and have issued my report thereon dated August 29, 2008. As part of my audit, I made a study and evaluation of the internal accounting control system to the extent I considered necessary to determine the nature, timing and extent of my auditing procedures. During my evaluation, I did not observe any areas that require improvement or change in order to improve internal accounting controls.

The Township of Tilden was in compliance with State of Michigan, Department of Treasury requirements regarding reporting on all required components, Uniform Chart of Accounts, and the Revised Municipal Finance Act. In addition, they were in compliance with budgeting requirements and the prior authorizing of expenditures.

Nothing came to our attention that would require change or improvement of the accounting and reporting system.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Fleury C.